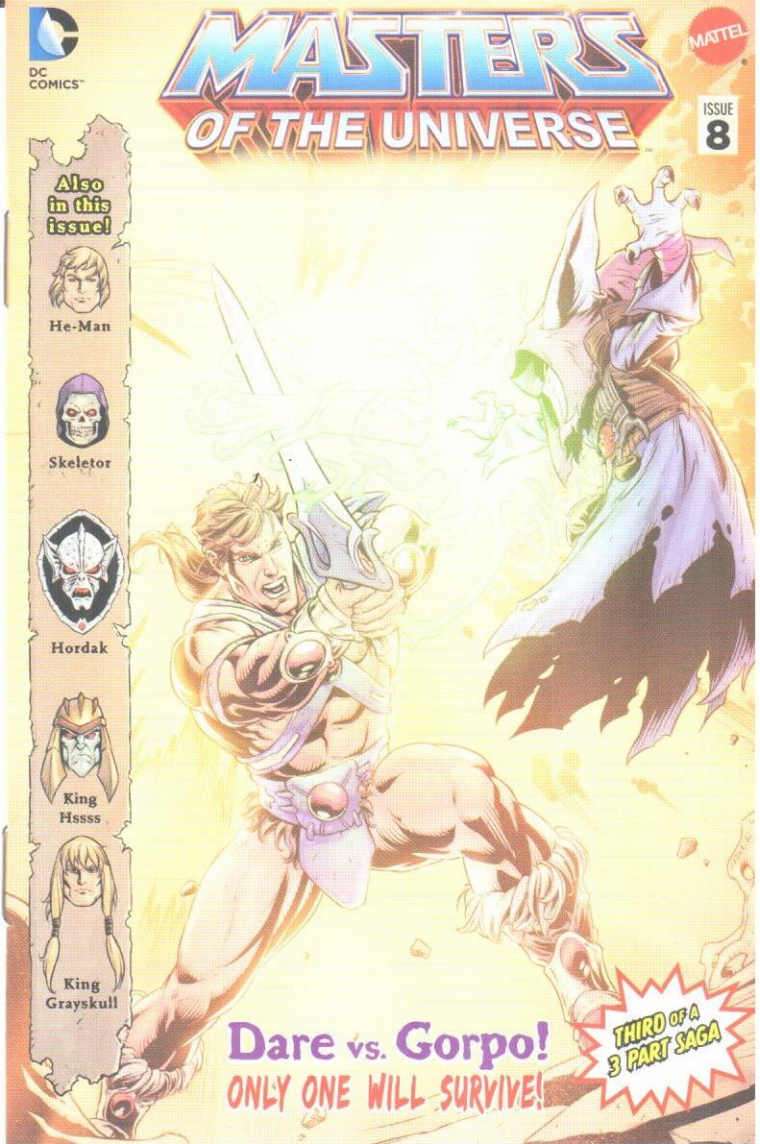
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This is it! It all ends here. Everything that has ever been or ever will be comes down to one final battle. With Dare lost in time and the planet of Eternia destroyed, what hope lies with the heroic Masters of the Universe now? And just as things couldn't get any worse, Skeletor's long lost son Skeleteen has also returned seeking revenge and glory in his father's name. The heroes and villains are gathering, the fates are aligned. Settle down with some popcorn, your favorite sugary drink and prepare for the ultimate battle, the final score, one last mini comic before we wrap this whole thing up! Prepare yourself for the Third Ultimate Battleground!

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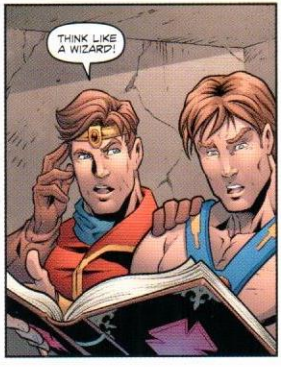
BETTER.
YOU ARE GETTING BETTER. IT WAS SLIGHTLY HARDER TO HIT YOU THIS TIME. BUT KNOWLEDGE IS ONLY *HALF WAY* THERE.
WHAT IS THE OTHER HALF?
MAGIC.

IT IS TIME, MASTER.
OH?

THE STUDY OF MAGIC AND THE GREAT MYSTERY IS NOT A TASK TO BE TREATED LIGHTLY. IT TAKES DISCIPLINE. IT TAKES DEDICATION-
I AM READY!

IT TAKES MEMORIZATION!
I NEED TO MEMORIZE THIS ENTIRE BOOK?!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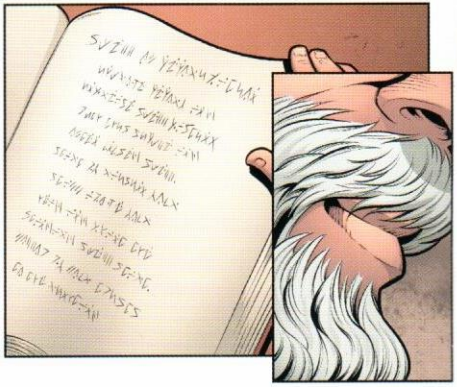
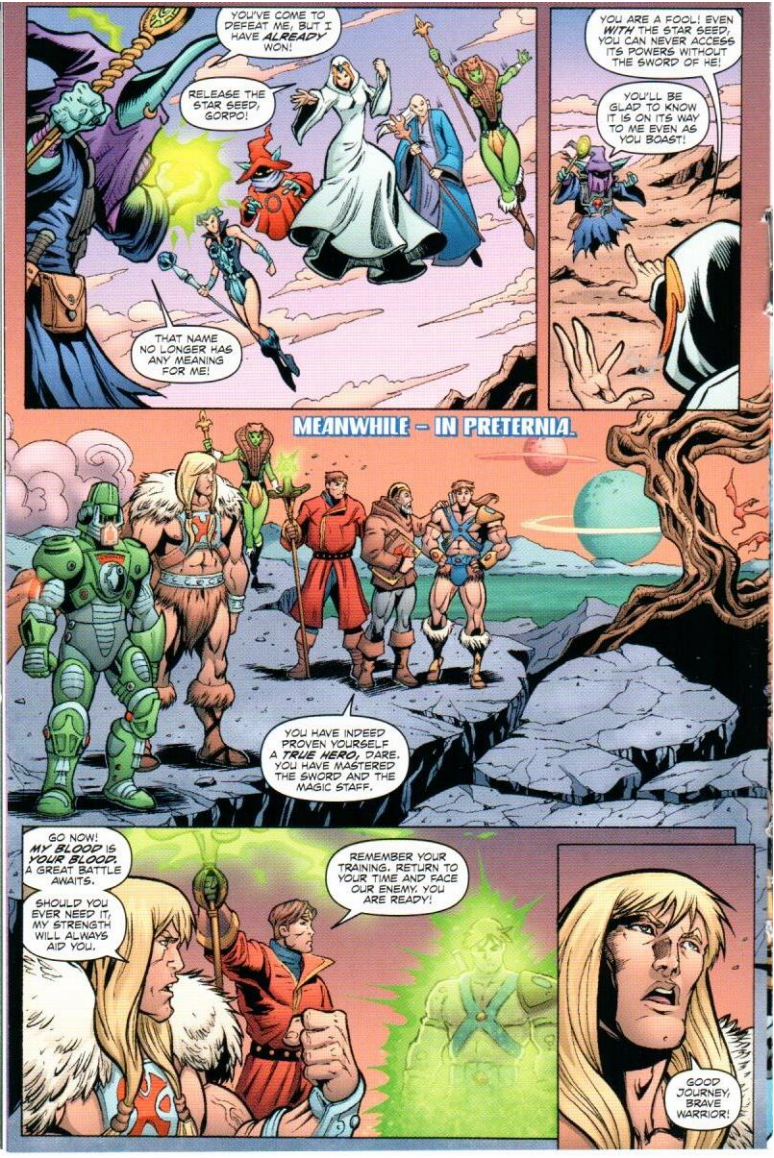


MEANWHILE, IN THE PRESENT:
IT IS NO USE. EVEN OUR COMBINED POWERS ARE HAVING LITTLE EFFECT!
MAY I BE OF ASSISTANCE?
YOUR POWERS ARE TOO WEAK. YOU AREN'T EVEN AFFECTING OUR SPELL!
THEN RESTORE ME! GIVE ME BACK MY POWERS AND I SWEAR I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO HELP!
FOR NOW...
SHE CAN'T BE TRUSTED!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE. ETERNIA NEEDS US ALL NOW.
IT IS STILL NOT ENOUGH!
PERHAPS I CAN HELP!

I AM TUG O'WAR, HEROIC MASTER OF THE COSMIC BALANCE.
I SHALL ONLY APPEAR WHEN THE BALANCE OF SCALES MUST BE TIPPED!
MY WORK IS DONE. YOU SHALL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN.
THE PLANET MAY BE SAFE. BUT THE UNNAMED ONE HAS THE STAR SEED!
QUICKLY, TO THE SURFACE!


YOU'VE COME TO DEFEAT ME. BUT I HAVE ALREADY WON!
RELEASE THE STAR SEED, GORPO!
THAT NAME NO LONGER HAS ANY MEANING FOR ME!
YOU ARE A FOOL! EVEN WITH THE STAR SEED, YOU CAN NEVER ACCESS ITS POWERS WITHOUT THE SWORD OF HE!
YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW IT IS ON ITS WAY TO ME EVEN AS YOU BOAST!
MEANWHILE – IN PRETERNIA.
YOU HAVE INDEED PROVEN YOURSELF A TRUE HERO, DARE. YOU HAVE MASTERED THE SWORD AND THE MAGIC STAFF.
GO NOW! MY BLOOD IS YOUR BLOOD. A GREAT BATTLE AWAITS.
SHOULD YOU EVER NEED IT, MY STRENGTH WILL ALWAYS AID YOU.
REMEMBER YOUR TRAINING. RETURN TO YOUR TIME AND FACE OUR ENEMY. YOU ARE READY!
GOOD JOURNEY, BRAVE WARRIOR!

THE PRESENT:
IT'S OVER, GORPO!
YOU THINK YOU HAVE WON? YOU FOOL! YOU HAVE BROUGHT THE SWORD RIGHT TO ME!
NOT TODAY! DEFENDERS OF ETERNIA- STRIKE!
SO YOU LEARNED A LITTLE MAGIC WHILE YOU WERE AWAY? BEHOLD A TASTE OF MY POWER!
NOW IS THE TIME OF THE THIRD ULTIMATE BATTLE GROUND!

DEFEND ETERNIA!
DESTROY THEM ALL!

THE SWORD! GIVE IT TO ME!
YOU WANT IT? COME AND GET IT.
YOU THINK YOU HAVE MASTERED THE MYSTERIES OF MAGIC.
BEHOLD! I CAST "VILLAINS CALL"!
TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME!
I CAST "HEROES CALL!"

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE BETRAYER OF TROLLA!
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO DESTROY YOU!
WELL, YOU FORGOT MY SECRET WEAPON!
WHAT THE--? YOU CALL THAT A "SECRET WEAPON"?
NO. A "DISTRACTION."
NOOOOOOO!

LET ALL THOSE WHO BATTLE RETURN TO WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED!
YOU MAY HAVE SAVED THE UNIVERSE, BUT IN THE NAME OF MY FATHER ETERNIA SHALL BE MINE!
WE SHALL MEET AGAIN, HE-RO!
THE BATTLE IS OVER.
THE STAR SEED MAY BE SAFE, BUT AS LONG AS THERE IS POWER AND MYSTERY ON PLANET ETERNIA THERE SHALL ALWAYS BE CONFLICT. THERE SHALL ALWAYS BE A BATTLE TO BECOME
MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE!